



Livestock siting technical review gets underway

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MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Ben Brancel has appointed nine members to the Livestock Facility Siting Technical Expert Committee that will begin reviewing ATP Rule 51 at its first meeting September 18th.

“These committee members represent different areas of expertise such as nutrient management, odor or engineering,” said Secretary Brancel. “Their insights will be valuable in helping us decide if adjustments need to be made in the current livestock siting rule.”

The expert panel’s job, as an advisory committee, is to recommend if current livestock siting standards need to be updated to keep pace with changing agricultural practices while protecting the environment. Those recommendations will be presented to Secretary Brancel in a final report.

“The report will summarize the committee’s findings, some of which could be used to modify the technical standards outlined in ATP 51,” said DATCP Deputy Secretary Jeff Lyon, who is chairing the committee. “In conducting the review, we will consider whether the standards are practical for producers to accomplish and for local governments to implement.”

The following have been named to the Livestock Facility Siting Technical Expert Committee along with their affiliation and area of expertise:

Members:

Kevin Beckard	Ag Source Labs	Nutrient Management
Mark Borchardt	Marshfield Ag Research Station	Odor/manure irrigation
Tonya Gratz	Land & Water Conservation-Green Co.	Nutrient Management
Jerry Halverson	Manitowoc Co. Conservation Dept.	Engineering/Odor
Brian Holmes	Agricultural Engineering- WI-Madison	Engineering
Jeff Lyon	Deputy Secretary, DATCP	Committee Chair
Charles McGinley	St. Croix Sensory Inc.	Odor
Bob Pofahl	Resource Engineering Associates Inc.	Engineering
Matt Ruark	Dept. of Soil Science- UW-Madison	Nutrient Management

Another nine people from state and federal agencies who work with land and water issues have been named as advisors to the committee:

Advisors:

Joe Baeten	DNR Green Bay	Nutrient Management
Richard Castelnovo	DATCP	Odor & Setbacks
Pat Murphy	Natural Resources Conservation-USDA	Nutrient Management
David Panofsky	DNR Central	Odor
Sue Porter	DATCP	Nutrient Management
John Ramsden	Natural Resources Conservation Service-USDA	Engineering
Steve Struss	DATCP	Engineering/Odor
Robert Thiboldeaux	WI Dept. of Health & Family Services	Odor/manure irrigation
Gretchen Wheat	DNR-Bureau of Watershed Management	Engineering

For more information and committee meeting materials, go to the DATCP website:

<http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/LivestockTechComMeetingMaterialsSept2014.pdf>

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